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SUBJECT: UGANDA: PRESIDENTIAL MESSAGE TO AMIN

FOLLOWING REPORT FROM FRG AMBASSADOR ELLERKMANN (FRG
NUMBER 103) RECEIVED FROM FONOFF AT 1245Z MARCH 3.

BEGIN TEXT:

"RE: FIRST MESSAGE OF PRESIDENT CARTER TO PRESIDENT
AMIN: ACTING MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, LUBEGA, CALLED
ME EVENING OF 2 MARCH AND TOLD ME THAT PRESIDENT AMIN
HAD HEARD THAT HE WAS TO RECEIVE A MESSAGE FROM PRESI-
DENT CARTER AND WHY IT WAS NOT DELIVERED TO HIM.
LUBEGA TOLD ME, THAT HE EXPLAINED TO THE PRESIDENT WHY
THE MESSAGE WAS NOT DELIVERED. LUBEGA TOLD ME THAT THE
PRESIDENT WAS ASKING ME TO HAND OVER THE TEXT OF THE
MESSAGE TO THE ACTING MINISTER FOR RECORD PURPOSES.
THIS I DID THIS MORNING (3 MARCH) WHEN I CALLED ON
ACTING MINISTER WITH AN ACCOMPANYING LETTER FROM ME.
HOWEVER, ON THE SUGGESTION OF THE ACTING MINISTER I LEFT
OUT THE LAST SENTENCE, READING 'IF YOU DESIRE, I WOULD
BE PREPARED TO SEND A COMMERCIAL AIRCRAFT TO PICK THEM
UP,' WHICH, SAID ACTING MINISTER, MIGHT BE MISINTERPRETED

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BY THE PRESIDENT. I ON THE OTHER HAND ADDED AS LAST
SENTENCE 'ACCEPT, YOUR EXCELLENCY, THE ASSURANCES OF
MY HIGHEST CONSIDERATION', A PHRASE- WHICH WAS USED BY
PRESIDENT AMIN IN HIS MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT CARTER.

WHEN I SAW ACTING MINISTER SECOND TIME MORNING OF
3 MARCH, HE TOLD ME THAT HE HAD READ THE MESSAGE TO

THE PRESIDENT OVER THE TELEPHONE AND THAT THE PRESIDENT
COMMENTED THAT IT WAS A GOOD MESSAGE, THAT IT SHOULD BE
PUT ON THE RADIO.

I ASSUME NOW THAT AMIN INDEED WAS NOT INFORMED THAT
I HAD A MESSAGE FROM PRESIDENT CARTER TO DELIVER TO HIM
AND THAT, IF HE HAD BEEN TOLD, I MOST LIKELY WOULD
HAVE BEEN GIVEN THE OPPORTUNITY TO DELIVER THE MESSAGE TO
HIM PERSONALLY.

I HOPE VERY MUCH THAT CHANGES I MADE IN MESSAGE
MEET THE APPROVAL OF US-GOVERNMENT." ELLERKMANN
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